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The Interagency Helicopter Rappel Guide, Forest Service Edition 1, July 2010 has been approved for use by as interim direction for CY 2010.

All changes contained in the new Forest Service Guide are effective at this time. A copy of this authorization will be included in the front of the Guide. Employees engaged in helicopter rappel operations will comply with the training and procedural requirements set forth in this guide as well as all other Forest Service specific regulations and safety policy.

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